Federation held demonstrations in March, 1992 as reported in the Times of India dated 31st March, 1992 ;

(b) if so, the details of their demands ;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

CBI enquiry in die activities of the Chief Personnel Manager ECL

1175. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether CBI conducted a raid in the 3rd week of December, 1991 under the command of Shri C. R. Majumdar, D.S.P., CBI (Calcutta) and another Officer at the residence of the C.P.M. E.C.L. ;

(b) whether a big haul of valuables was unearthed ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) whether Government have taken any action against the Chief Personnel Manager, ECL?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (d) No CBI raid was conducted in the third week of December, 1991 at the residence of the Chief Personnel Manager of Eastern Coalfields Limited. However CBI had conducted a raid at the residence of the Dy. Chief Personnel Manager/Chief of Administration, ECL on 10-12-1991 in connection with a case involving two employees of ECL who were staying in the company quarter occupied by the officer.

Closure of Coal Mines

1176. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact th;it a number of coal mines in the country have been closed; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the number of such mines (company-wise) and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (b) The closed coal mines include (i) the mines which were taken over as closed at the time of nationalisation and have continued to remain closed (ii) the mines which were taken over as closed at the time of nationalisation, were opened thereafter but have since been closed (iii) the mines which were taken over as working mines but have since been closed and (iv) the new mines which were opened after nationalisation but were closed subsequently.

The reasons for these mines being closed or inactive are as follows : —

1. Those could not be merged/regrouped or amalgamated to form a reconstituted mine.
2. Lack of infrastructural facilities on account of geographical location.
3. Isolated patch deposit with very small reserves and seasonal workability.
4. Insufficient geological data available for such mines.
5. Non-availability of reliable working plans in respect of old Workings.
6. Not viable techno-economically.
7. Exhaustion of extractable reserves.
8. Highly uneconomic working without any potential for future viability.
9. Adverse geo-mining conditions.
10. Safety considerations.

The details of company-wise closed mines are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Occupational Accidents in ECL

1177. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that number

of accidents have taken place during 1992 in ECL mines ;

(b) if so, what is the total number of accidents taken place mine-wise and the nature of such accidents ;

(c) what were the causes in each case and what is the number of casualties (fatal/ serious injury) ;

(d) whether Internal Safety organisation of ECL have any role in prevention/eradication of such accidents ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) Yes, Sir. There have been eight fatal accidents involving eight fatalities and 32 serious accidents involving 36 serious injuries during January to March, 1992.

(b) and (c) A statement is attached |.S'«' below]

(d) and (e) The role of Internal Safety Organisation (I.S.O.) is basically advisory. The important areas of operation of I.S.O. are formulation of Safety Policy at corporate level, drawing up of Annual Action Plan for safety, effective monitoring of the status of implementation of the policy directives on safety, periodic inspection of mines for assessing status of safety. Besides, it enquires into all fatal accidents and dangerous occurences in the mines, carries out detailed analysis of accidents and identification of accident prone mines and their safety audit and suggests measures to prevent such accidents.

Statement

Fatal Accidents

S. No.	Mine	No. of Accident	No. of Fatalities	Cause
1	Chapapur II	1	1	Roof Fall
2	Naba Kajora	1	1	Air Blast
3	Khas Kajora	1	1	Haulage
4	Rajmahal OCP	1	1	Fall from height
5	Dalur band	1	1	Roof fall
6	Khudia OCP	1	1	By Pay Loader
7	Jhanjra 1 & 2	1	1	Roof Fall
8	Parasia 6 & 7	1	1	Burried in the sand Bunker
		8	8	

Serious Accidents

S. No.	Mine	No. of Accident	No. of Serious Inj.	Cause
1	Bahula	2	2	Flying Piece Hand Tramming
2	Sankerpore OCP	1	1	Fall from height
3	Madhusudanpur	1	1	Fall of object
4	Kumardihi A	1	1	Rope Haulage
5	Chinakuri III	1	1	Fall of Object
6	Jhanjra 1 & 2	3	3	Extremely Caught Between Object
7	Chapapur II	1	2	Fall of Roof
8	Amritnagar	1	1	Extremely Caught between Object

S. No.	Mine	No. of Accident	No of Serious Ini.	Cause
9	Chakballavpur	1	1	Rope Haulage
10	Gopinathpur	2	2	Extremely caught between Object and**
11	Satgram Incl.	2	2	Fall of Person Fall of Object
12	Madhujore	2	2	Fall of Object Flying Piece
13	Parsia OCP	1	1	Fall of Person
14	Maha Kajore	2	5	Air Blast Extremely caught between Object
15	Jamenari	1	1	Hand Tramming
16	Madhai pur	2	2	From Truck Fall of Roof
17	J. K. Nagar	1	1	Extremely caught between Object
18	Bankola	1	1	From C. C. M.
19	Seetalpur	1	1	Fall of Object
20	Belbaid	1	1	Fall of Person
21	Dhemomain	1	1	Extremely caught between Object
22	Nimcha	1	1	Fall of Object
23	Shankarpur U.G.	1	1	Fall of Person
24	Khas Kajora	1	1	Extremely caught between Object
		32	36	

**FALL OF PERSON

बिजली संयंत्रों को पत्थर मिश्रित कोयले की आपूर्ति किया जाना

1178. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल** : क्या **कोयला मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के सोमभद्र जिले की कोयला खानों से रेणुकूट, शक्तिनगर, विन्दनगर तथा आनपारा में स्थित विद्युत उत्पादक इकाईयों को सप्लाई किए जा रहे कोयले में दस प्रतिशत मात्रा पत्थरों की रहती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार को इस तथ्य के बारे में सबसे पहले कब पता चला;

(ग) क्या इन इकाईयों को पत्थर मिश्रित कोयले की सप्लाई बन्द करने के लिए कोई उपाय किए गए हैं;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कोयला मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एस० बी० नयमेगौडा) : (क) और (ख) कोल इंडिया लि० से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार उन्हें विंध्याचल और अन्नपारा ताप विद्युत गृहों से 10 प्रतिशत पत्थर के साथ कोयले की आपूर्ति होने के संबंध में कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।

(ग) से (ङ) कुछ खानों में मिट्टी की पतली परत और पत्थर, कोयला सीमों में मिश्रित रूप में विद्यमान हैं । ऐसी सीमों से कोयले का खनन करते समय ये परतें कोयले के साथ मिल जाती हैं । कोयला कंपनियां उपभोक्ताओं को भेजे जाने वाले कोयले में पत्थर और कंकड़ के तत्वों को न्यूनतम किए जाने के लिए निम्न-लिखित कदम उठा रही हैं :—

(1) कोयले का लदान करते समय पत्थरों को पृथक किया जाना ।